

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be re-examined.

The May 9, 2003 Office Action ("Office Action") allowed Claims 2-12 and 37, rejected Claims 14-28 and 34-36, and objected to Claims 20 and 22.

With respect to allowed Claims 2-12 and 37, it is applicants' understanding that the allowance of independent Claim 2 was based on the feature of folding the security document to allow impingement of the patterned beam on the opacifying portion; the allowance of independent Claim 9 was based on the feature of folding the security document to allow the beam to pass through the second at least partially transparent portion before being transmitted through the first at least partially transparent portion, the second at least partially transparent portion acting as a pseudo point light source; and the allowance of Claim 37 is based on the feature of the security document being foldable to allow the light beam to pass through the second at least partially transparent portion to form collimated light before passing through the first at least partially transparent portion.

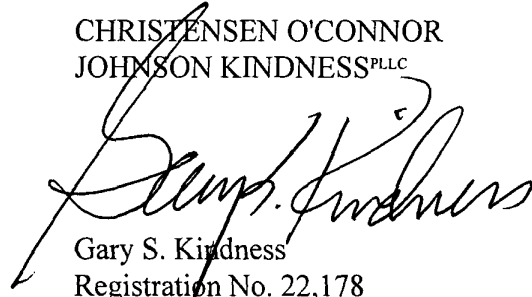
This amendment amends independent Claims 14, 17, 18, 20, and 34. Claims 14, 18, and 34 have been amended in accordance with the informal report forwarded to applicants' undersigned attorney by Examiner Kao on April 30, 2003. Applicants submit that amended Claim 14 should be allowable for the same reasons as Claim 2; amended Claim 18 should be allowable for the same reasons as Claim 9; and amended Claim 34 should be allowable for the same reasons as Claim 37. Applicants submit that amended Claims 17 and 20 should be allowable for the same reasons as Claim 2, since, as amended, they include the inventive feature recited by the Examiner in the Office Action. In this regard, some of the elements of Claim 20 have been rearranged in order to make the claim more readable. Finally, Claim 22 has been amended to make it dependent upon Claim 21, rather than Claim 20.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments obviate the rejections based on prior art ground set forth in the Office Action. As a result, applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Consequently, early and favorable action passing this application to issue is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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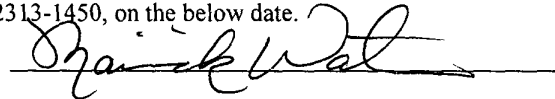


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